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OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

SYNOD OF NORTH-CAROLINA,

HELD IN THE

CHURCH OF DANVILLE:

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THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

SYNOD OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

THE SYNOD OF NORTH-CAROLINA met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church of Danville, Va., on Thursday, the 21st day of October, 1852, at 12 o'clock, M.; and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Archibald Baker, the last Moderator, from Psalm xlviii. 12, 13.: "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generations following."

After the sermon, the Moderator took the chair, and constituted the Sessions with prayer.

PRESENT:

Of the Presbytery of Orange—The Rev. Messrs. John H. Pickard, Eli W. Caruthers, Jesse Rankin, Drury Lacy, D. D., Robert Burwell, William N. Mebane, Edward Hines, Jacob Doll, A. G. Hughes, Cyrus K. Caldwell, James N. Lewis, S. A. Stanfield, James H. McNeill, F. N. Whaley, and Thomas U. Faucette, *Ministers:* with Messrs William B. Carter, N. M. Lewis, David L. Ray, Nathaniel Tally, Samuel Hatrick, James Garland, Wm. W. Carrington, M. D., Freeman Leath, R. E. Hanner, John Jones, Jesse H. Lindsay, William Morrow, and S. D. Schoolfield, M. D., *Ruling Elders.*

Of the Presbytery of Concord—The Rev. Messrs. Daniel A. Penick, Cyrus Johnston, Gilbert Morgan, Walter W. Pharr, Archibald Baker, George M. Gibbs, Samuel C. Pharr, P. Tinsley Penick, Thomas N. Paxton, P. H. Dalton, Albertus L. Watts, and Robert N. Davis, *Ministers.*

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville—The Rev. Messrs. Archibald Smith, Neill McKay, George McNeill, William H. Hogshead, and Colin Shaw, *Ministers:* with Mr. H. W. Beatty, *Ruling Elder.*

ABSENT:

Of the Presbytery of Orange—The Rev. Messrs. William Paisley, John Witherspoon, D. D. LL. D., Elisha Mitchell, D. D., Thomas Lynch, Alexander Wilson, D. D., George W. Ferrill, Thomas R. Owen, James Phillips, D. D., John A. Gretter, Edmund C. Bittenger, Archibald Currie, James Stratton, John S. Grasty, Nelson Z. Graves, and Samuel W. Watkins.

Of the Presbytery of Concord—The Rev. Messrs. Walter S. Pharr, Robert Hall Morrison, D. D., Stephen Frontis, Samuel Williamson, D. D., Henry N. Pharr, Daniel Lindley, Thomas P. Johnston, James D. Hall, James E. Morrison, William N. Morrison, E. F. Rockwell, Samuel B. O. Wilson, H. B. Cunningham, John E. McPherson, R. H. Lafferty, Thomas E. Davis, William C. Sutton, Benjamin L. Beall, William C. Sheetz, and Monroe T. Allen.

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville—The Rev. Messrs. Robert Tate, John McIntyre, Simeon Colton, D. D., Samuel Paisley, William N. Peacock, Adam Gilchrist, Hector McLean, Evander McNair, Hector McNeill, John R. McIntosh, Frederick K. Nash, James O. Stedman, Hugh A. Munroe, Duncan Black, Daniel Johnson, Neill McDonald, Hector McAlister, James M. Sprunt, and James Jones Smyth.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of officers, and the Rev. William N. Mebane was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. S. A. Stanfield and Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay were chosen temporary Clerks.

Synod then took a recess to meet at half past three o'clock.

After recess, Synod met, and the Rules of Order were read to the Moderator elect, after which he took the Chair.

The Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, D. D., of the Synod of Virginia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. David L. Ray, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Orange appeared and took his seat as a member of Synod.

The Minutes of the last stated Sessions were read.

The Rev. Albertus L. Watts, of the Presbytery of Concord, appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

Mr. William Morrow, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Orange, appeared and took his seat as a member of Synod.

The Absentees from the last Sessions of Synod were called on, when the Rev. Messrs. Hughes, Hines, Lewis, Stanfield, Dalton and McKay, rendered their excuses for absence, which were sustained. A letter was received and read from the Rev. R. H. Lafferty, assigning reasons for absence from the present Sessions of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. James N. Lewis, Neill McKay and Archibald Baker, *Ministers*, with Mr. James Garland, *Ruling Elder*, were appointed a standing Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Statistical Reports of the several Presbyteries comprising this Synod, were read, accepted and adopted; and ordered to be recorded, and are as follow, viz.:

I.—*The Presbytery of Orange report to the Synod of North Carolina:*

That they consist of 30 ministers, and have under their care 47 churches, 4 licentiates, and 8 candidates; that on the 5th day of December, 1851, they ordained Rev. Robert Logan, to the full work of the ministry; that on the 6th day of December, 1851, they installed Rev. James H. McNeill, pastor of the church of Pittsboro'; that on the same day they dismissed Rev. G. Morgan, to join the Presbytery of Concord; that on the 10th day of March, 1852, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. D. Montgomery and the church of Lexington; that on the 8th day of April, 1852, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. W. V. Wilson and the church of Clarksville, and on the same day dismissed Rev. Wm. V. Wilson to join the Presbytery of East Hanover; that on the 10th day of June, they received Rev. F. N. Whaley from the Presbytery of Winchester; that on the same day they dismissed Rev.

Robt. Logan to join the Presbytery of Hopewell, and Rev. A. D. Montgomery to join the Presbytery of South Carolina; that on the 11th day of June, they dismissed Rev. M. T. Allen to join the Presbytery of Concord; that on the 12th day of June, 1852, they licensed Messrs. Daniel Towles, Jno. M. Sherwood and William P. Wharton; that on the 9th day of July, 1852, Rev. F. N. Whaley was installed pastor of the church of Clarksville; that on the 10th day of July, 1852, they ordained Mr. T. U. Faucette to the full work of the ministry; and that on the 28th day of July, 1852, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. D. Stratton and the church of Newbern, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of West Jersey.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. DOLL, *Stated Clerk.*

October 21, 1852.

II.—*The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North-Carolina:*

That they consist of 31 ministers, and have under their care 60 congregations, 3 licentiates, and 2 candidates; that, on the 8th day of April, 1852, they received, as a member, the Rev. Gilbert Morgan from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day they received under their care Mr. Wm. C. Sheetz, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Winchester; that, on the 9th day of April, 1852, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. W. A. Hall and the congregations of Joppa and Unity; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Wm. A. Hall with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of the Western District; that, on the same day they changed the name of Union church to that of Bethlehem; that, on the 10th day of April, 1852, they licensed Mr. T. W. Erwin to preach the gospel as a probationer; that they have installed Rev. P. H. Dalton pastor of the united congregations of Fourth Creek, and Bethesda; that they have organized the two new churches of Monroe and Fairfield; that on the 15th day of May, 1852, they ordained Mr. W. C. Sheetz, and installed him pastor of the church of Morganton; and that on the 2d day of July, 1852, they licensed Messrs. W. S. Moore and Jas. S. Barr, to preach the Gospel as probationers.

By order of the Presbytery.

R. H. LAFFERTY, *Stated Clerk.*

Sept. 4th, 1852.

III.—*The Presbytery of Fayetteville report to the Synod of N. C.:*

That at this time they consist of 24 ministers, and have under their care 54 churches, 3 licentiates, and 5 candidates; that on April 8th, 1852,

they received Rev. James Jones Smyth, from the Presbytery of East Hanover, and on the 9th dismissed Mr. Duncan D. McLean to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Indianapolis; and that on the 10th they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Samuel Paisley and the church of Euphronia; that on the 31st of August they lost by death the Rev. Hugh McLaurin; that on the 14–16th October, they received Mr. Henry Walsh, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Raritan, and Mr. Martin McQueen as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, on probation; dismissed Rev. Angus C. McNeill to join the Presbytery of South Alabama, and received the church of Montpelier under their care.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARCHIBALD SMITH, *Stated Clerk.*

Carthage, October 16th, 1852.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Minute in relation to the neglect of attendance on the meetings of Synod by its members.

The Rev. Messrs. Daniel A. Penick and Wm. H. Hogshead, *Ministers*, and Mr. James Garland, *Ruling Elder*, were appointed by the Moderator on this Committee.

The Narratives of the several Presbyteries on the state of religion were read, accepted, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. A. L. Watts, Thomas U. Faucette, and George M. Gibbs, as a Committee to report thereon.

After which, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock,

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The Roll was called and the following members failed to answer to their names, viz: Rev. Messrs. Caruthers, Caldwell, J. H. McNeill, Whaley, Faucette, Johnston, Morgan, Baker, Gibbs, S. C. Pharr, Dalton, P. T. Penick, and McKay, *Ministers*; and Messrs. N. M. Lewis, Tally, Garland, Carrington, and Beatty, *Ruling Elders.*

The Minutes of the preceding day were read, and approved.

The Rev. Robt. N. Davis of the Presbytery of Concord, appeared in Synod and gave excuse for his late attendance, which was sustained.

The Moderator announced the following standing Committees appointed by him, viz:

1. *On Bills and Overtures.*—Rev. Messrs. Archibald Baker, William H. Hogshead and George McNeill, *Ministers*; with Messrs N. M. Lewis and H. W. Beatty, *Ruling Elders.*

2. *On the Judicial Committee.*—Rev. Messrs. Eli W. Caruthers, Walter W. Pharr and Neill McKay, *Ministers;* with Messrs Freeman Leath and R. E. Hanner, *Ruling Elders.*

3. *On the Minutes of Presbytery of Orange.*—Rev. Messrs S. C. Pharr and P. H. Dalton, *Ministers;* and Mr. H. W Beatty, *Ruling Elder.*

4. *On the Minutes of the Presbytery of Concord.*—Rev. Messrs Jacob Doll and Neill McKay, *Ministers;* and Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, *Ruling Elder.*

5. *On the Minutes of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.*—Rev. Messrs C. K. Caldwell and F. N. Whaley, *Ministers;* and Mr. Nathaniel Tally, *Ruling Elder.*

6. *On the Minutes of the General Assembly.*—Rev. Messrs. Daniel A. Penick and Gilbert Morgan, *Ministers;* and Wm. W. Carrington, M. D., *Ruling Elder.*

7. *On the Narrative of the State of Religion.*—Rev. Messrs. A. L. Watts, Thomas U. Faucette and George M. Gibbs, *Ministers.*

8. *On the Treasurer's Account.*—Rev. Cyrus Johnston, *Minister;* and Messrs. Jesse H. Lindsay and James Garland, *Ruling Elders.*

9. *On the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary.*—Rev. Messrs. P. H. Dalton and Walter W. Pharr, *Ministers;* and Wm. W. Carrington, M. D., *Ruling Elder.*

10 *On the Report of the Trustees of Synod.*—Rev. Messrs. Archibald Smith and A. G. Hughes, *Ministers;* and Mr. William Morrow, *Ruling Elder.*

Mr. William B. Carter, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Orange appeared, and took his seat as a member of Synod.

A communication was received from Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, D. D., Professor in Union Theological Seminary, in reference to a proposed change in the length of the Sessions in said Institution, which was read, and referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs Daniel A Penick, Neill McKay and George McNeill, *Ministers;* with Messrs. W. W. Carrington, H. W. Beatty and N. M. Lewis, *Ruling Elders.*

The Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee; and is as follows. viz:

CHARLES PHILLIPS, *Treasurer,*
in account with the Synod of North-Carolina:

		Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 2, 1851.	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, as by Report for 1851. (See Minutes of 1851, p. 8.)	$18 53	

		Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 16, 1851.	Received of Rev. James Morrison, Treasurer of Concord Presbytery,	$16 45	
Oct. 16, 1851.	Paid Rev. D. Lacy, as a part of his salary as Stated Clerk of Synod,		35 00
Nov. 17, 1851.	Received of Mr. Jas. Martine, Treasurer of Fayetteville Presbytery,	10 00	
Dec. 6, 1851.	Received of Rev. J. A. Gretter, Treasurer of Orange Presbytery,	20 00	
Dec. 6, 1851.	Paid W. W. Holden, the balance of his account for printing the Minutes of 1850,		10 00
Dec. 6. 1851.	Paid Rev. D. Lacy the balance of his salary as Stated Clerk for 1851,		10 00
Dec. 6, 1851.	Paid Rev. D. Lacy for Post-office expenses &c., in the office of the Stated Clerk,		8 37
Oct. 18, 1852.	Balance transferred to a new account,		1 61
		$64 98	$64 98

The Presbyteries of the Synod of North-Carolina, in account with CHARLES PHILLIPS, *Treasurer:*

		Dr.	Cr.
Oct., 1852.	Concord Presbytery for the expenses of Synod up to Oct., 1852,	$34 23	
Oct., 1852.	Fayetteville Presbytery, for the same,	23 92	
Oct., 1852.	Orange Presbytery, for the same,	35 50	
Nov., 1851.	Fayetteville Presbytery paid in advance,		10 00
		$98 65	$10 00

In the absence of the Treasurer, Rev. James H. McNeill was appointed Treasurer *pro tempore.*

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary was presented, read, and referred to the Standing Committee, and is as follows, viz:

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary under the care of the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, respectfully report to

the Synods: That, during the Seminary year, ending June 8th, 1852, eleven students have been attending to the instructions of the Seminary, in the three classes. Of these the following entered at the commencement of the Session, viz:

Chas. Newton Campbell, Graduate of Nassau Hall.
Samuel Blair Campbell, do Washington College.
Henry B. Rose, do do

Six finished the three years course of study, and at the close of the Session received each a Diploma, viz:

David E. Curtis, West Hanover Presbytery; of Geneva College, N. Y.
Wm. S. Moore, Concord Presbytery; Davidson College, N. C.
John Milton Sherwood, Orange.
Daniel T. Towles, Orange; University of N. C.
William V. Wharton, Orange; Washington, Virginia.
Charles White, Winchester; Nassau Hall, New Jersey.

The health of the students has been good; and their diligence in study was evinced during the strict examination to which they were subjected at the close of the session. The Faculty report that the deportment of the students has been consistent with their profession of piety and their prospective connections with the Church.

The following Ministers and Ruling Elders compose the Board of Directors, viz:

From the Synod of North Carolina.	*From the Synod of Virginia.*
Rev. Drury Lacy,	Rev. Wm. Henry Foote, D. D.
" A. Baker.	" A. Hart,
" D. A. Penick,	" T. Prior,
" A. Currie,	" S. D. Stuart,
" E. McNair,	" Wm. S. White, D. D.
" W. N. Mebane,	" N. Chevalier,
" J. Doll,	" P. Calhoun,
" C. Johnston,	" G. W. McPhail,
with Messrs.	with Messrs.
J. J. Speed,	C. C. Read,
R. V. Watkins,	A. G. McIlwaine,
N. M. Lewis,	C. S. Carrington,
N. M. Roan, M. D., Elders.	W. A. Bell, Elders.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

Rev. DRURY LACY, *President.*
" WM. HENRY FOOTE, D. D. *1st Vice-President.*
" EVANDER MCNAIR, *2d Vice-President.*
CLEMENT C. READ, *Secretary.*
F. N. WATKINS, Esq., *Treasurer.*

The Professors of the Seminary are as follows, viz: .

Rev. S. B. WILSON, D. D., *Professor of Theology.*
" F. S. SAMPSON, D. D., . " *Oriental Literature.*

The Permanent Fund of the Seminary consists of the following property, viz:

In Virginia State Bonds, at 5 per cent., - -		$10,000 00
Do 6 per cent., - -		24,200 00
Richmond City Bonds, 6 per cent., - -		10,000 00
76 shares of Farmer's Bank of Virginia Stock, -		7,600 00
5 shares Bank of the Valley of Virginia, - -		500 00
3 shares of Roanoke Navigation, - - -		100 00
100 shares Bank of Virginia Stock, - - -		7,000 00
		$59,400 00
To which add Winchester Scholarship, funds Bonded and in Bank,		2,500 00
Total,		$61,900 00
Debts in hands of Committee,		1,200 00
Subscriptions not yet collected,		500 00
		$63,600 00

The Funds are as far as can be known safely invested in Stock, that is, at least, at par value. The net proceeds of the funds which the Directors can appropriate may be set down at $3,600. The expenses for past year, were

Two Professors' salaries for the year, each $1,200,	$2,400 00
One Professor's salary for five months,	500 00
Expenses for repairs,	368 32
But one debt is due from the Seminary, and that is to Hanover Presbytery,	$900 00

The attention of Synod is respectfully called to the subject of defraying the travelling expenses of the Directors in their necessary attendance on the duties of the Board. These necessary expenses have not for the

last few years been met. And for the last two years no collection has been made by the Virginia Synod. This failure has probably been an inadvertance, the subject being overlooked amid the press of business in Synod. But the consequences have been that the expense of carrying on the Executive department has fallen on a few brethren whose positions do not justify such a demand upon their finances.

The Board have further to report that the instructions of the Seminary have been, during the winter and spring, given by two Professors. On the 23d day of October, 1851, at a called meeting of the Board, Rev. S. L. Graham, D. D., tendered his resignation of the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity; which was accepted. The studies of the Classes were arranged for the services of two Professors. On the 9th day of June, 1852, the Electoral College, assembled according to the Constitution of the Seminary, unanimously tendered the vacant chair to the Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, D. D. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board.

CLEM'T. C. READ, *Secretary.*

June 12, 1852.

The Stated Clerk informed the Synod that the term of service of the fourth Class of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Drury Lacy and Archibald Baker, *Ministers*, and Mr. J. J. Speed, *Ruling Elder*, now expires; whereupon,

The same persons were unanimously re-elected to serve for the next four years as Directors of said Seminary.

The Report of the Committee on absentees was read, accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Whereas, many of the members of Synod are absent, and have been absent for several years past from the Annual Sessions of the same; whereas also, but a very small number of Ruling Elders, the representatives of the churches are in attendance, only one from one of the Presbyteries and not one from another; whereas further, this delinquency both on the part of Ministers and Elders is evidently increasing; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod regards an attendance of all its members upon its regular meetings as not only solemnly obligatory, unless providentially prevented, but as highly beneficial both to the members and their churches.

2. That the delinquent brethren be affectionately reminded of their

duty and ordination vows on this subject, and enjoined to inform the Synod at its next meeting, either in person or by letter, of the reasons for such delinquency.

3. That it be enjoined upon every member of Synod hereafter, when providentially prevented from attending, to address a letter to the Moderator, stating the reasons of his detention.

4. That it be earnestly enjoined upon all the Sessions of our churches to see that their churches are fully represented at all the meetings of Synod.

DANIEL A. PENICK,
W. H. HOGSHEAD,
J. GARLAND.
Committee.

The Synod then proceeded to choose a place for its next Annual Session; and the town of Wilmington, in the Presbytery of Fayetteville was chosen, and Wednesday, the 9th day of November, 1853, at 7 o'clock, P. M., was fixed upon as the time.

The Annual Sermon on Colportage was made the order of the day for Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

The presentation of the Reports of the Agents of the several Presbyteries on Foreign Missions, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Committees appointed by the Moderator to review the Minutes of the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord and Fayetteville, respectively made their separate reports, in which they severally recommended that these Minutes be approved, with the following exception: that is to say, those of Orange Presbytery, to page 223, with the exception, that on page 181, it is not stated that the Presbytery was constituted with prayer; of Concord, without specifying the page to which they had been written; and of Fayetteville, to page 288.

Synod then took a recess till 3 o'clock.

After recess, and when Synod had resumed its busi-

ness, the Rev. Messrs. John H. Pickard, Robert Burwell, and Jesse Rankin, *Ministers;* and Dr. S. D. Schoolfield, *Ruling Elder*, of the Presbytery of Orange, appeared, and gave satisfactory excuses for their late attendance.

The Rev. Mr. Penick chairman of the Committee on the Communication of Rev. Dr. Wilson, presented a report, which, after considerable debate, and various propositions to amend, was laid upon the table.

Synod took a recess to meet in the Lecture Room of the Episcopal Church, at half past seven o'clock.

After recess, Synod met according to appointment. The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report of Synod, prepared for the next General Assembly, which he read, and is as follows:

REPORT,

Of the Synod of North-Carolina to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Synod of North Carolina report to the General Assembly, That they consist in whole of eighty-five ministers, having under their care one hundred and sixty-one congregations, nine licentiates, and fifteen candidates, viz.:

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
1. Orange,	30	47	4	8
2. Concord,	31	60	2	2
3. Fayetteville,	24	54	3	5
Totals,	85	161	9	15

The Synod further report, that within the past year, its Presbyteries have received three newly organized churches; that they have lost one minister by death, have received two from Presbyteries not belonging to this Synod, and have transferred one from one of our Presbyteries to another; that they have received two licentiates from Presbyteries not belonging to this Synod, and one candidate to place himself under the care of one of our Presbyteries; that they have dismissed seven ministers to connect themselves with Presbyteries not belonging to this Synod, and transferred two from one Presbytery to another; that they have dissolved he pastoral relations subsisting between five of our churches and their respective pastors, have licensed five of our candidates as probationers, and have ordained three licentiates to the full work of the Gospel ministry, and installed four of our ministers as pastors of churches; and that the next meeting of Synod will be held in the town of Wilmington, on Wednesday the 9th day of November, 1853, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

DRURY LACY, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Report be accepted and adopted, and that an authentic copy of it be transmitted to the next General Assembly.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz.:

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, beg leave to say, that your Treasurer has sent up receipts for ($40 00) forty dollars more money than came into his hands according to his own report. We are unable to balance his accounts, though he finds a balance of ($1 61) one dollar sixty one cents, now in his hands.

C. JOHNSTON,
JAMES GARLAND,
JESSE H. LINDSAY,
Committee.

It was, on motion

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have 1,000 copies of the Minutes of this Synod printed in pamphlet form, and forwarded to the Sessions of our churches.

The Committee on the Report of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, presented a series of

Resolutions as their report; which was read, and after some discussion, was recommitted to the same committee with the addition of the Rev. Messrs. Daniel A. Penick and Robert Burwell, *Ministers;* and Mr. H. W. Beatty, *Ruling Elder.*

The Committee on Devotional Exercies reported that they had made the following arrangements, viz:

That the devotional exercises be conducted to-morrow afternoon, at 3½ oclock, in the following order:

1. Psalmody, by Rev. James H. McNeill.
2. Prayer, by Rev. Eli W. Caruthers.
3. Address and Benediction, by the Moderator.

JAMES N. LEWIS,
Ch'm. Com. Dev. Ex.

The Report was accepted and adopted.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The roll was called, and the Rev. Messrs Hughes, Caldwell, J. N. Lewis, Morgan, P. T. Penick, *Ministers;* and Messrs. Lindsay, Morrow, Garland and Schoolfield, *Ruling Elders*, failed to answer to their names.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The Rev. Colin Shaw of the Presbytery of Fayetteville appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late arrival. The Rev. Messrs J. H. Smith of the Synod of Virginia, and C. C. Jones, D. D., of the Synod of Georgia, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The order of the day was taken up, (to wit: the Reports from the several Presbyteries on Foreign Missions,) when it appeared that no report on the subject was in readiness.

The Committee on the Annual Report of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, again presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary, respectfully submit the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod learn with gratification that the finances of the Seminary are in a prosperous condition, and that the health and deportment of the students have been good.

2. *Resolved*, That the smallness of the number of the students, calls for deep humiliation and earnest prayer upon the part of the friends of the Seminary; that in view of this fact, we will not only implore the Great Head of the Church to send forth more laborers into the harvest, but that we will *unitedly* put forth every other proper effort for the greater prosperity of this "school of the Prophets."

3. *Resolved*, That as a Synod, we will insure the payment of the expenses of our Directors, necessarily incurred in attending the meetings of the Board.

And whereas, It has come to the knowledge of Synod, through the report of the Directors of the Seminary, that the Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, D. D. LL. D., was chosen Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity by the College of Electors; Therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we have now, and will have in case of Dr. Breckinridge's acceptance, the highest confidence in the ability and efficiency of the Faculty; and that we will extend to them a cordial support, and cooperate heartily with the Synod of Virginia, in all proper efforts to build up this important Seminary.

P. H. DALTON, *Ch'm.*

The Report of the Committee on the communication of Rev. Dr. Wilson, recommending a reduction of the Term of Study in the Union Theological Seminary, from nine to eight months in the year, was again taken

up, and discussed, This report was finally displaced by the following paper, which was offered and adopted by Synod as a substitute, viz:

Whereas, the subject now before Synod is one of great importance, and requires time for mature deliberation, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary be instructed to take this subject under their special examination, at its meeting in June, and propose to the next Synod any change in the Term of Study, they may deem proper.

The Rev. Messrs. John H. Pickard and S. A. Stanfield, *Ministers;* and Messrs Wm. Morrow and Freeman Leath, *Ruling Elders*, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod, after 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Jones, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, be invited to address Synod on the great subject of his agency, immediately after the devotional exercises this afternoon.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, made a Report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee to which the Minutes of the General Assembly were referred, would respectfully call the attention of Synod to the following items in the Minutes of the last Assembly, viz:

The Resolutions of the Special Committee on the Annual Report of the Board of Education, 1, 2, 3, and 4. (See Minutes of General Assembly, pp. 211 and 212.)

The Committee recommend the substance of the 2nd resolution for adoption, as follows:

Resolved, That the last Thursday in February next, be recommended for general observance by all our churches, as a day of special prayer for the Divine blessing upon the youth of our land, and especially such as are pursuing their studies in literary institutions, that many of them may be called and qualified by the grace of God for the work of the Ministry.

The Committee would also call the attention of Synod to the 7th

resolution of the Assembly's Committee on the report of the Board of Publication, pg. 217.

Further, the Committee would call the special attentian of Synod to the 2nd resolution of the special committee on the report of the Board of Missions, page 215.

All of which is respectfully reported.

DANIEL A. PENICK,
G. MORGAN,
J. H. McNEILL,
W. W. CARRINGTON.
Committee.

The Synod now took a recess, to meet in the Lecture Room of the Episcopal Church.

After recess, a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. S. A. Stanfield, Archibald Baker, Jacob Doll and Colin Shaw, *Ministers;* with Messrs. W. W. Carrington, and H. W. Beatty, *Ruling Elders*, was appointed to take into consideration, and present some method of bringing annually before Synod, the operations of the different Boards of the Church.

This Committee presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

Your Committee beg leave, respectfully to submit the following resolutions for the adoption of Synod, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod will appoint one Agent on each of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, and Education; and that these Agents be required to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and present at each meeting of Synod, a written report of all that is doing within the boundaries of the Synod, on the subjects severally assigned to them.

2. *Resolved*, That the consideration of these reports shall be a special order at each meeting of the Synod.

S. A. STANFIELD, *Ch'm.*

In accordance with the foregoing resolutions, the Rev. Jacob Doll was elected Agent for Domestic Mis-

sions; Rev. Archibald Baker, Agent for Foreign Missions; and Rev. Neill McKay, Agent for the cause of Education.

Synod then took a recess till 3 o'clock.

After recess, Synod met and resumed its business.

On motion, it was

Resolved. That in consequence of the low state of the health of the Chairman of the Committee on Colportage, the second member on that committee, be reminded of his duty, and requested to act as Chairman in his stead.

The Committee on the Narrative of Religion, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz :

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Narrative of the state of Religion within the bounds of this Synod, presents several items, well calculated to awaken a spirit of thanksgiving to God, who is faithful in all his ways, and to lead all the friends of our beloved Zion to pray most earnestly for her prosperity.

It is a *mournful fact*, that although the Synod of North Carolina is one of the oldest of our Synods, yet, she is far behind some of her younger sisters in her efforts to plant and build up churches in her waste and destitute fields. It is true with regard to each of the Presbyteries that there are places within their bounds where the voice of the living minister has never been heard, proclaiming the doctrines of the Gospel as believed and taught by our church. In a still greater number of places the communion table is yet to be spread by us for the first time in view of the dying sons of men. These facts call for solemn and prayerful consideration, and prompt and energetic *action*.

The Narratives present other matters calling for devout thanksgiving to the Great Head of the church for his blessings sent upon the churches under the care of the several Presbyteries composing this Synod.

It is true that one Presbytery compares some of her churches to the mountains of Gilboa, on which no dew has fallen. It is also true, that in the other two Presbyteries several congregations have not been visited

by special revivals, yet the Synod is cheered by this encouraging fact, that each of the Presbyteries reports refreshing seasons enjoyed during the Synodical year, which are well calculated to inspire the heart with confidence in the promises God has made his church, and which calls for gratitude to Him who speaks to the hearts of men, not only by the terrors of the law, but by the melting language of the cross. The instrumentality employed in bringing about these happy results seems to have been the plain, pointed and faithful exhibition of the prominent doctrines of the Gospel.

It appears that the Boards of our churches, and the benevolent operations of the day are sustained—that our catechisms are generally taught—that Bible classes and Sabbath Schools are to be found in most of our churches, and that in most of our congregations special attention is given to the instruction of the colored people in the knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

In concluding this Narrative, your committee would advert to one subject, viz: the Gospel Ministry. Many of those who were once actively engaged in this great work have now ceased from their labors; and of others, it may be said, their day of labor is far spent. Many vacant pulpits and destitute fields within our bounds loudly call for an increase in the number of those who preach the gospel of peace. In only one of the Narratives has this subject been referred to, and in that the idea is merely thrown out that possibly some of the subjects of their late revivals may enter the Ministry. This view of the state of Religion within the bounds of our Synod admonishes us to be more faithful, and to pray most earnestly to God for the refreshing influences of his Spirit, and for an increase of laborers in his Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted.

A. S. WATTS,
G. M. GIBBS,
T. U. FAUCETTE.

The Synod, in view of the fact that the Rev. Evander McNair, one of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, has made his arrangements to remove to the State of Texas, proceeded to the election of the Rev. Robert Burwell, to fill the vacancy in the Board that will soon be made by his removal.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens

of Danville, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Synod during their Session at this place; and also to the members of the Baptist, Methodist, and Episcopal Churches, for the use of their respective houses of worship.

The Devotional Exercises of Synod were now observed in the order recommended by the committee, after which the Rev. Dr. Jones addressed the Synod on behalf of Board of Domestic Missions.

Synod then took a recess, till 7 o'clock.

After recess, the Annual Sermon on Colportage was preached by Rev. Wm. N. Mebane.

The Minutes of the day's proceedings were read, corrected and approved. And the Synod, having completed their business, it was on motion

Resolved, That this Synod do now adjourn, to meet in the town of Wilmington, in the Presbytery of Fayetteville, on Wednesday, the 9th day of November, 1853, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction.

DRURY LACY, *Stated Clerk.*

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